(b) Does not arise in view of reply at (a).

(c) Purchase of English typewriters has been stopped. Only bilingual electronic typewriters are being purchased. In future also bilingual electronic typewriters will be purchased in accordance with the target laid down in the Annual Hindi Programme issued by the Department of Official Language.

Non-Consideration of Training Period of JAOs as Service Period

4954. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the training period in respect of all the directly recruited/departmentally recruited cadres are allowed to be treated as service in the recruited/promoted cadre except the Junior Accounts Officers of All India Post and Telegraph Accounts and Finance Service Officers;

(b) whether training period of JTOs of Telecom Department is also treated as service period while such did not the position in the grade of JAOs;

(c) the reasons for this disparity; and

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken to treat the JAOs induction training period as service period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The training period in case of Direct Recruits is treated as duty/Service in the post to which they are appointed. In case of Departmental JTOs, training period is treated as duty/Service in the lower post only. As regars JAO's training period is treated as duty/service in the lower post if the training is undergone before promotion, otherwise in higher post.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Amendment of Fundamental Rules applicable to Government Servants

4955. SHRI R. N. ARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Fundamental Rules which are applicable to Government Servants, were framed in 1922;

(b) whether any amendments were made in these rules since then;